

AN ACT

relating to abating or deferring the suspension or revocation of a license issued by the Department of Public Safety for victims of identity theft.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.0206 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.0206. ABATEMENT OR DEFERRAL FOR VICTIMS OF IDENTITY THEFT. (a) In this section:

(1) "License" means a license, certificate, permit, or other authorization issued by the department.

(2) "Victim of identity theft" means an individual who has filed a criminal complaint alleging the commission of an offense under Section 32.51, Penal Code, other than a person who is convicted of an offense under Section 37.08, Penal Code, with respect to that complaint.

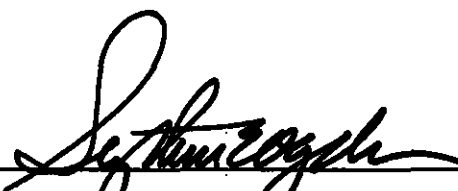
(b) The department may abate or defer a mandatory suspension or revocation of a license if the license holder presents evidence acceptable to the department that:

(1) the license holder is the victim of identity theft; and

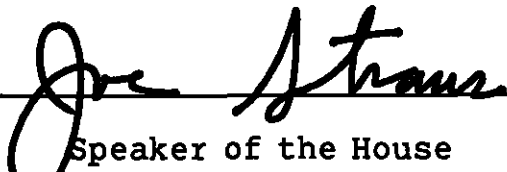
(2) the person against whom a criminal complaint alleging the commission of an offense under Section 32.51, Penal Code, has been filed, and not the license holder, engaged in the act

1 or omission that mandates the suspension or revocation.

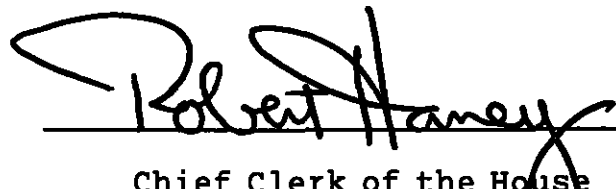
2       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

  
President of the Senate

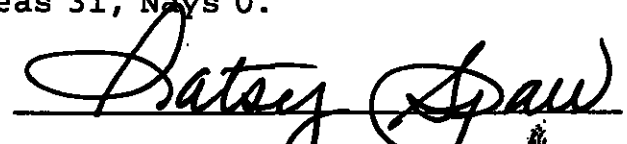
H.B. No. 2256

  
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2256 was passed by the House on May 3, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

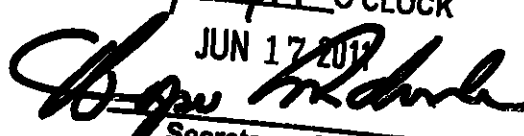
  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2256 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 17 JUN'11  
Date

  
Governor

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